

able to accomplish innumerable reforms, if, if, I say, members would only pull together. It is imperative that this society increase its membership. Los Angeles has to-day a larger society than we have, and they owe it to the fact that they know how "to get together." If every member of this society would back it up, and do his best to get more members, with a united profession we could easily force our resolutions down the throats of the directors of any hospital. In Santa Clara County the Loyal Order of Moose was unable to get a single doctor in the county to accept the position of lodge doctor. In Pennsylvania, where the miners are well organized, the physicians have likewise organized, and by standing together they have reached an agreement whereby the miners have the free choice of physicians, the latter being paid out of the lodge funds at the standard rates adopted by the county societies of those districts. These matters are becoming more and more important every day. Those of you who do not feel concerned had better read the details of what the British Medical Association is up against with the insurance bill recently adopted in spite of their protests. The Cleveland Academy of Medicine has been discussing the hospital and lodge evil for some months, and their committee presented resolutions even more drastic than ours, which the society did not adopt. They will probably bring the matter up soon again for action. The matter of the dispensary evil which Dr. Topping brought up is also a very important one. I too have long had this subject under consideration and have concluded that there is but one solution to the problem. Every case applying for medical assistance at the clinics would have to be investigated from the social point of view, and this would entail more labor than our Associated Charities could undertake. The various clinics would have to organize and salary one or two investigators and one or two clerks who would keep track of all cases in a central bureau, such as the A. C. But these investigations would naturally deprive some of the clinics of a certain amount of material, the larger University and Polyclinic clinics would probably suffer the greatest loss and the smaller and independent clinics not co-operating in this work would derive the benefit. I have discussed this subject with Miss Felton of the Associated Charities, and it is far more difficult to adjust than most of you realize. I hope, however, that it is capable of solution and that some time we will be able to get together and do so. I think that this general and perhaps loose discussion of what we have heard to-night will emphasize that what we need is absolute union and that if we all stand together, we can correct these defects in our medical institutions, not alone for our own interests, but so that the public will get a squarer deal. This they surely will appreciate.

Dr. George B. Somers: We have wandered a little from the subject of hospitals and in order to bring the attention of the society back to the hospital question I wish to make an announcement taking it upon myself as chairman of the building committee of the Board of Health. As the society seems to be generally interested in the subject of hospitals this committee would like to invite the attention and interest of the society to the present San Francisco hospital which is rapidly approaching completion; there will be a public meeting at the rooms of the Board of Health on April 26th, to which we invite all members of the profession who are interested, the idea being that we would like the advice and assistance of each and every professional man to help us solve a number of questions and problems that have arisen in regard to the fitting out of this new hospital. For instance, the matter of flooring to

be adopted in the hospital has been bothering Dr. Brodrick and myself. We have not been able to find a consensus of opinion as to what forms the proper flooring for a hospital and I am sure that these are subjects in which the profession will be interested. Dr. Dorr is expert not only on floors but many other subjects and we hope to have him there. The meeting will be at eight o'clock on the evening of April 26th, in the rooms of the Board of Health and we hope that as many of you as can find it convenient will be present.

Dr. Wm. R. Dorr: I think the keynote of the whole situation was struck by Dr. Bine when he said for us to get together and work and if all the profession will work for the same thing they will get it. It has been the experience of a good many people in the past that the County Medical Society will get together and talk and talk over a thing and there it ends. In order to accomplish anything along the many different lines brought up to-night we will have to get together and do something.

SOCIETY REPORTS

RIVERSIDE COUNTY.

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside County Medical Society was held at the Country Club last evening, Dr. J. M. Colburn acting as host.

Resolutions outlined in the minutes of the State Medical Society meeting, requiring consideration by County Societies, were read and discussed. It was unanimously voted to change the days of meeting of the State Medical Society from Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, to Thursday, Friday and Saturday, in compliance to the resolution offered to that effect.

Dr. Brem of Los Angeles presented a paper on the subject of "The Treatment of Tetanus."

The next meeting of the Society, at which the wives of the members are guests, will be held at the Victoria Club House. It was voted to dispense with the usual medical program and substitute a musical and medical high jinks instead.

GEORGE E. TUCKER, Secretary.

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.

The California Academy of Medicine held a regular meeting on April 22nd, 1912, at which the following scientific program was given:

1. A Case of Acromegaly with Thrombosis and Embolism (with demonstration of specimens). Dr. W. B. Coffey and Dr. W. T. Cummins.

2. A Typhoid-Carrier on Shipboard. Dr. W. A. Sawyer. Discussed by Dr. F. P. Gay, Dr. G. E. Ebright, Dr. S. J. Hunkin, Dr. W. T. Cummins, Dr. H. P. Hill, Dr. W. A. Sawyer.

Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

"A State Organization for the Consideration of Public and Personal Hygiene."

Doctor A. W. Hoisholt, Stockton, Calif.—I must begin by saying I am unprepared to open this discussion—I had thought that I was not to take part in it at all. This subject has lately been taken up in the east and has received a great deal of encouragement. At New Haven, Conn., a National Society for Mental Hygiene was organized by Clifford W. Beers, author of the book "A Mind that Found Itself." The aims of this society are to